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August 2, 1994

William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 94-48 -- NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION

Dear Mr. Caton:

TELEPHONE: (202) 835-8292

Earlier today, I met on behalf of The Wireless Cable Association International, Inc. ("WCAI") with James W. Olson and Paul Gallant of the Cable Services Bureau and Jonathan D. Levy of the Office of Plans and Policies regarding the comments submitted by WCAI in response to the *Notice of Inquiry* in CS Docket No. 94-48. During the course of that discussion, certain documents prepared by wireless cable system operators relating to the status of competition in their local marketplaces were provided to the staff. Copies of those documents are enclosed for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Sinderbrand

Counsel to The Wireless Cable Association International, Inc.

**Enclosures** 

cc: James W. Olson

Paul Gallant
Jonathan D. Levy

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### WIRELESS CABLE QUESTIONNAIRE

PART B

#### **OPERATING SYSTEM ISSUES**

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- 2 Had the FCC been responsible for delays in launching this system? If so, please provide details.

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- How many microwave channels are employed on your system? 3.
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WITH 2 OTHER CABLE SYSTEMS & DBS

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Does your system compete directly with one or more cable systems? If so, please list the 7. name of the cable system(s), identify its franchise area, it penetration percentage based on home passed, and provide its current channel capacity?

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8. Please identify the percentage of your wireless cable system service area that overlap with the area served by the cable operator(s) in your area and the number of homes within the overlap zone?

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In your opinion, how long will it take for this system to serve as a competitive alternative 9. to cable? What is the basis of your projection?

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How many homes are within the coverage pattern of your system and what percentage 10. of those homes do you anticipate you will be unable to serve due to terrain blockage, buildings or foliage without using repeaters?

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11. How many subscribers did you have after one year of operation? Three years? Five years? If you have not been in operation that long, what are your projections as to the percentage of homes passed that will subscribe to your wireless cable system one year after launch, three years after launch and five years after launch? What is the basis for your estimated subscriber penetration?

12. What are the rates you charge your subscribers for your basic tier of service? How many channels are in your basic package? What are the rates that the cable operator(s) in your area charge for basic service? How many channels does the cable operator offer in his basic package? How many of those channels comprise locally-mandated programming (bulletin boards, PEG channels, etc)?

FALCON 31 CH FOR 17.71 1 BULLETIN BOARD

ADDITIONAL
TIER 6 MORE CH FOR 5.75

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13. What are the rates you charge your subscribers for your other tiers of service? How many channels are in your other tiers? What are the rates that the cable operator(s) in your area charge for their other tiers of service? How many of the channels on non-basic tiers comprise locally-mandated programming (bulletin boards, PEG channels, etc)?

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How vigorous is the competition for programming among multichannel video programming 15. distributors in your market area?

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SETTING

FOOTHOLD

# FALCON CABLE TV - St. George, UT

CHANNEL LINE-UP

* 2 KUTY 2-MBC Salt Lake City, UT	* 17 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	31 SHOUTINE
* 3 KVBC 3-NBC Las Vegas, NV	* 10 NICKELODEON	32 tB0
* 5 KSL-TV 5-CBS Salt Lake City, UT	• 19 THE FAHILY CHANEL	* 33 HTY
* 6 QVC	* 20 CI - ENTERTAINMENT TY	34 CINEMIX
* 7 KUED 7-FBS Salt Lake City, UT	* 21 VH-1	35 THE HOVIE CHANEL
* 6 KTYX 4-ABC Salt Lake City, UT	* 22 CHBC	- * 36 UNIVISION
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- 24 MGH-TY 9-IND Chicago, IL \* 10 LIFETINE

- 25 MIBS 17-IND Atlanta, GA - 26 THE MASHVILLE METHORK

- 27 CHR HEADLINE NEWS

- 28 THT

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\* 37 C-SPAN . 38 THE TRAVEL CHANGEL \* 39 COHEDY CENTRAL \* 44 THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL 4 41 MERICAN HOVIE CLASSICS \* 42 THE LEARNING CHANGEL \* 43 COUNTRY PUSIC TY

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NEW RATES

		A LA CARTE SERVICES			
BASIC CABLE (*)	17.71	180	\$10.50	- IGN-TY	2.00
ADDITIONAL OUTLET (Basic Cable)	0.06	. THE DISHEY CHANNEL	19.50	- wies	2.00
INSTALLATIONS/SERVICE (per hour)	45.00	SHOUTINE	10.50	+ THT	2.00 ::
REMOTE CONTROL	0.16	CINEMAX	10.50	- THE NASHVILLE NETWORK	2,00
NON-ADDRESSABLE CONVERTER	1.62	THE HOVIE CHANNEL	10.50	• CIAI	2.00
ADDRESSABLE CONVERTER	4.02			- CHI HEADLINE NEWS	2.00
IN SERVICE	1.95				4 . ** 
VIDEO CONTROL CENTER	0.47				

The above rates may not include applicable taxes, fees and other assessments.

\* 11 KBYU-TY 11-PBS Provo. UT

VIDED CONTROL CENTER

\* 13 KSTU 13-FOX Salt Lake City, UT

\* 14 KJZZ 14-IND Salt Lake City, UT

\* 15 LOCAL - Character Generated Info

\* 12 ESPN 2

\* 16 ESPN

(-)Customers with all of these services will see a package rate of 15.75 on their monthly statement.

STG650-STG01 St. George, UT system



**EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1993** 

#### MONTHLY CHARGES

BASIC CABLE SERVICE	\$ 15 5D
EXPANDED BASIC CABLE SERVICE (INCLUDES DISNEY)	\$23.00
STANDARD CONVERTER RENTAL	\$ 100
VOLUME CONTROL BOX	\$ 250
REMOTE CONTROL	\$ 100
ADDRESSABLE CONVERTER	s 4.00

### PREMIUM SERVICE PRICES

FIRST PAY SERVICE	\$ 10. <b>30</b>
TWO PAY SERVICES	\$18.50
THREE PAY SERVICES	\$26.70
FOUR PAY SERVICES	\$34.90

## INSTALLATION & REPAIR

Unwired Home installation	\$45 00
Restart/Reconnect Home Installation	\$25.00
Additional Outlet At The Time Of Initial Installation	\$ 7.50
Additional Connection Requiring Separate Installation	\$20 00
Liporade or Downgrade Optional Services (Addressable).	\$ 5.00
Connect VCR At Time Of Initial Install	s 7.50
Connecting VCR Requiring Separate Install	\$15.50
Install A/B Switch At Time Of Initial Install	\$ 7.50
Install A/B Switch Requiring Separate Install	\$15.50
Administrative Fee (late fee)	. \$ 4.00
Returned Checks	\$15.00
Hourly Service Charge (Labor) For Other Installations/Service	s 530.00

## **EQUIPMENT PURCHASE PRICE**

Non-Addressable Converter	\$40.00
Volume Control Converter	\$55.00
	845 M
Remotes	313.00
90 DAY WARRANTY	

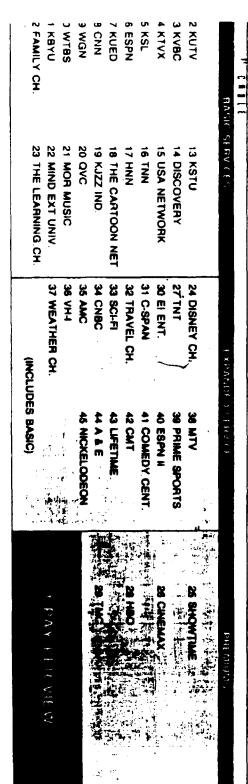
## PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE FRANCHISE FRES OR SALES TAX WHEN APPLICABLE

THESE PRICES ARE BELOW THE HOURLY SERVICE CHARGE (HSC) AS PRESCRIBED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION FORMULAS MULTIPLIED BY THE AVERAGE TIME FOR EACH INSTALLATION ACTIVITY BASED UPON HISTORICAL DATA.

10% SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT AVAILABLE—CALL OFFICE FOR DETAILS

CLEAR VISION OFFICE HOURS MON-FRI 9-5

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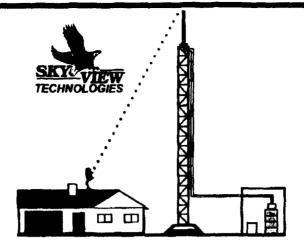
# CHANNEL GUIDE

**801-674-2212** 164 WEST 700 SOUTH GEORGE, UTAH 84770

## Basic Service For As Little As \$14.95 A Month

- 2 KUTV NBC Salt Lake
  3 KVBC NBC Las Vegas
- 4 KTVX ABC Salt Lake
- 6 DISCOVERY Documentary
- 7 KUED PBS Educational
- 8 CNN NEWS 24 Hour News
- 9 WGN Chicago Superstation
- 10 WTBS Atlanta Superstation
- 11 KBYU PBS Educational
- 12 ESPN 24 Hr. Sports
- 13 FOX 13 FOX Variety
- 14 KJZZ S.L. Independant
- 15 AMC Classic Movies
- 16 KULC Educational
- 17 KTLA Los Angeles
- 18 NICKELODEON Family
- 19 FAMILY CHANNEL Family
- 20 USA NETWORK Variety
- 21 TCM Turner Classic Movies
- 22 SCI-FI Science Fiction
- 23 A & E Arts & Entertainment
- 24 PRIME SPORTS Jazz Games
- 25 A CMT Country Music Videos
- 26 (Future Music Video Channel)
- 35 \* WCSD (Washington Co. School District)
- 36 \* DCLC (Dixie College Learning Channel)
  - Time Share Channels

Normal Unscrambled UHF/VHF
Broadcast Channels Available
without Converter



# **Premium Services**

27 Disney The Channel Channel America's Family Network

29 The Movie Channel



30 Showtime

SHOWTIME

1 st	Premium	\$9.50 each
2nd	Premium	\$9.00 each
3rd	Premium	\$8.50 each
4th	Premium	\$8.00 each

# Mini-Premium

28 ENCORE

ENCORE

Hit movies from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. \$3.00 A La Carte
\$2.00 With Any Premium Channel

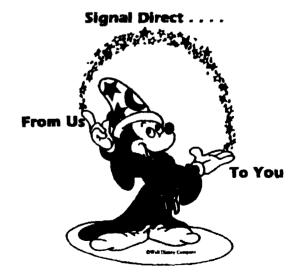
+ Other Charges:

## We Also Do...

+ DirecTv

18" Satellite Subscription Service Call for Prices

- Professional Antenna Installations
   \$30.00 Plus Parts
   Call for Quote
- + Antenna Sales and Retail



## WIRELESS CABLE QUESTIONNAIRE

PART B

## **OPERATING SYSTEM ISSUES**

Name of Wireless Cable Operator: Eastern Cable Networks of Michigan (serving the Detroit market) Location of Operating System:

- When did you launch this system? \_\_\_\_ Acquired in March, 1994 1.
- Had the FCC been responsible for delays in launching this system? If so, please provide 2. details.

We have not experienced any significant delays to date. We have aggregated additional channels in the market and are dependent upon speedy approval of co-location and major modifications in order to

- How many microwave channels are employed on your system? 12 3.
- How many microwave channels do you anticipate adding? \_\_\_\_20 4.
- If you utilize VHF/UHF antennas at the subscriber's home to deliver local broadcast 5. signals, how many additional channels are provided to subscribers? 8
- Do you anticipate using digital compression? If so, what factors will dictate when you 6. install compression technology? Do you anticipate using a hybrid analog/digital system either as a transitional vehicle or as a final system design? If so, please provide details.
- (A) We do anticipate using digital compression. Factors to be considered will be as follows:
  - Desire for additional services from our customers and potential customers.
  - 2. Cost of compression technology in relation to our projected return from the sale of new services.
  - 3. Reliability of the equipment for commercial deployment.
  - 4. Cost of digital converters.
- 5. Possible non-standard applications/uses for digital technology in a wireless environment.
- (B) We do anticipate using a hybrid digital/analog system. We are committed to delivering the highest quality product at the best possible price for our customers. Therefore, we need to find the balance between consumer demand for new services and the demand for the "old" services that are likely to be the most popular.

We anticipate using digital compression in two or three groups of channels which should allow us to add 40 to 60 channels. Therefore we would provide more expensive digital converters where customers are interested in purchasing new services.

We expect to change our opinions about this new technology based on other possible applications that might develop in concert with customer demand.

Does your system compete directly with one or more cable systems? If so, please list the . 7. name of the cable system(s), identify its franchise area, it penetration percentage based on home passed, and provide its current channel capacity?

Columbia Cablevision, Ann Arbor, 60-chnls., 65% penetration TCI of West Oakland, Royal Oak, Woodhaven, 52-chnls., 60% Barden Cablevision, Detroit, 52-chnls, 50% Cablevision Industries, Dearborn, 52-chnls, 60% Channel capacity and penetration are approximately the same as the above for the following: Comcast Cablevision, Sterling Heights, Pontiac, Waterford, Booth Communications of Birmingham (Oakland Co.) Continental Cablevision, Dearborn, Madison Heights, Roseville, Southfield. Maclean Hunter Cablevision, East Detroit, Garden City, Taylor. Metrovision, Livonia, Redford.

Please identify the percentage of your wireless cable system service area that overlap 8. with the area served by the cable operator(s) in your area and the number of homes within the overlap zone?

Our wireless operation in Detroit has approximately 1.5 million homes within line-of-sight. Except for a small number of apartment buildings and unwired, single-family housing developments, virtually 100% is passed by cable.

In your opinion, how long will it take for this system to serve as a competitive alternative 9. to cable? What is the basis of your projection?

We believe we will be a viable competitor to cable TV when we have achieved co-location of 33 microwave channels transmitting at 100 watts each. We believe we need maximum capacity and maximum power, as soon as possible, to compete effectively. We expect to be in this position by April, 1995 pending all necessary FCC approvals (Note that our biggest risk to meeting this timetable nies are within the volverage pattern of your system and what percentage of those homes do you anticipate you will be unable to serve due to terrain blockage, buildings or foliage without using repeaters?

There are approximately 1.8 million homes in the counties of Wayne (including Detroit,) Macomb, Monroe and Oakland. Because of the attractive terraine in this market, our engineering studies indicate that we will lose only about 300,000 homes due to obstructions. Therefore, we have 1.5 million homes within line-of-sight.

How many subscribers did you have after one year of operation? Three years? Five years? If you have not been in operation that long, what are your projections as to the percentage of homes passed that will subscribe to your wireless cable system one year after launch, three years after launch and five years after launch? What is the basis for your estimated subscriber penetration?

As we have only customers today, we will provide projections only.

End of year one of full operation —
End of year three
End of year five
Our projections are based on rolling out service in a way that we can ensure excellent quality and customer service consistently. Our ultimate customer projections reflect approximately 12% penetration of homes within line-of-sight and assume multiple competitors in the market.

12. What are the rates you charge your subscribers for your basic tier of service? How many channels are in your basic package? What are the rates that the cable operator(s) in your area charge for basic service? How many channels does the cable operator offer in his basic package? How many of those channels comprise locally-mandated programming (bulletin boards, PEG channels, etc)?

Our basic service will include 15 to 18 basic cable programming channels, The Disney Channel and educational programming from our ITFS partners and local broadcast stations. The monthly charge will be approximately \$20. Cable operators in our area typically offer 30 to 45 channels of basic including local access and limited interest niche programming and charge from \$22 to \$25 per month.

What are the rates you charge your subscribers for your other tiers of service? How many channels are in your other tiers? What are the rates that the cable operator(s) in your area charge for their other tiers of service? How many of the channels on non-basic tiers comprise locally-mandated programming (bulletin boards, PEG channels, etc)?

In addition to our basic service, we will charge only for premium services and pay per view.

Premium services will be as follows:

Showtime package (Showtime, The Movie Channel, FLIX) \$7-9 (pending price sensitivity research)

HBO - \$7-\$9

PASS (local sports service) \$7-\$9

Pay per View - Events to be priced below cable operators by 15 to 20%. Movies to be sold in the range of \$2.95 to \$4.95.

Cable operators in the market are charging \$8 to \$11 for all premium services.

Locally-mandated channels on cable systems in the market all tend to be carried on the lowest level of basic service. 14. Is any portion of your market served by another non-cable multichannel video programming distributors? If yes, what portion of the market is served by the other distributor?

The only non-cable video distributors in the market are SMATV operators. We estimate that less than 1% of homes within line-of-sight are served by SMATV.

15. How vigorous is the competition for programming among multichannel video programming distributors in your market area?

Detroit will become a competitive market, although the competition is highly fragmented because of the number of cable MSO's operating in the market. There is consolidation occuring today as Comcast acquires Maclean Hunter and will, therefore, operate the Detroit system as well as some suburban operations. In addition, Detroit has been listed by Ameritech as one of its major cities for deployment of video dialtone.

## WIRELESS CABLE QUESTIONNAIRE

PART B

**OPERATING SYSTEM ISSUES** 

Name of Wireless Cable Operator:

Location of Operating System:

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1994 When did you launch this system? 1989 1.

Had the FCC been responsible for delays in launching this system? If so, please provide 2. details.

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- How many microwave channels are employed on your system? \_\_\_\_//\_ 3.
- How many microwave channels do you anticipate adding? 4.
- If you utilize VHF/UHF antennas at the subscriber's home to deliver local broadcast 5. signals, how many additional channels are provided to subscribers?
- 6. Do you anticipate using digital compression? If so, what factors will dictate when you install compression technology? Do you anticipate using a hybrid analog/digital system either as a transitional vehicle or as a final system design? If so, please provide details,

Cost, reliability

Hybrid as cost would be prohibitive otherwise

Does your system compete directly with one or more cable systems? If so, please list the name of the cable system(s), identify its franchise area, it penetration percentage based on home passed, and provide its current channel capacity?

- 8. Please identify the percentage of your wireless cable system service area that overlap with the area served by the cable operator(s) in your area and the number of homes within the overlap zone?
- 9. In your opinion, how long will it take for this system to serve as a competitive alternative to cable? What is the basis of your projection?

2-3 yrs. Digital Compression and access to profremming

How many homes are within the coverage pattern of your system and what percentage 10. of those homes do you anticipate you will be unable to serve due to terrain blockage, buildings or foliage without using repeaters?

30% unserved

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DBS

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Little except DBS

## WIRELESS CABLE QUESTIONNAIRE

PART B

### OPERATING SYSTEM ISSUES

Name of Wireless Cable Operator.

Peterral Entertainment

Location of Operating System:

Chicago

When did you launch this system? 8/93 1.

2. Had the FCC been responsible for delays in launching this system? If so, please provide details.

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- 3. How many microwave channels are employed on your system? 22
- 4. How many microwave channels do you anticipate adding?
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- 6. Do you anticipate using digital compression? If so, what factors will dictate when you install compression technology? Do you anticipate using a hybrid analog/digital system either as a transitional vehicle or as a final system design? If so, please provide details,

Yes we plan on using digital compassions but we will need to have access to the fechnology about the time tooditional cash companies get access.

on home passed, and provide its current channel capacity?

We have over 100 competitive cable functions. calle penediation 15 about 60% in ADI.

8. Please identify the percentage of your wireless cable system service area that overlap with the area served by the cable operator(s) in your area and the number of homes within the overlap zone?

90% overlap

2.2 million homes

9. In your opinion, how long will it take for this system to serve as a competitive alternative to cable? What is the basis of your projection?

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